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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Chingleput is a smaller place with a population of 25,000 while Kancheepuram has a population of over one lakh There is not much scope for the expansion of the hospital at Chingleput and, therefore, the Director of Medical Services made the proposal."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Will the Government change their view if an agitation is started by the larger population of Kancheepuram?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" As I have already said, there was an agitation for it."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Is it a fact that the proposal has been shelved for the present because a very influential person has offered a very big donation for the expansion of the Chingleput Hospital?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The matter may be decided even here by these two hon. Members Mr. Deivasigamany and Mr. Vinayakam by a duel." (Laughter.)

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Are Government aware of a resolution passed by the District Hospital Advisory Committee to the effect that the hospital should not be shifted under any circumstances and that in case a hospital was considered necessary for Kancheepuram, separate proposals should be drawn up by the Government for alleviating the suffering of the larger population of Kancheepuram? Have not the Government received a copy of it?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Not only the Hospital Advisory Committee but also the Municipal Chairman and, in fact, all the people of Chingleput, including Mr. K. Vinayakam, are for the retention of the hospital in Chingleput."

Reconstitution of certain First-class Bench Magistrates' Courts in Malabar.

* 294 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether any changes have been effected in the constitution of Bench Magistrates' Courts in Malabar?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The First-class Bench Courts at Cannanore, Badagara, Kozhikode, Ottapalam and Palghat in Malabar have been reconstituted into Courts of Honorary Special First-class Magistrates sitting singly and the remaining two First-class Bench Courts at Tellicherry and Quilandy and five Second-class Bench Courts at Kozhikode, Kollengode, Tirur, Ponnani, and Chowghat have been abolished."

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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know the reasons which prompted the Government to make this change ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The criteria for constitution Bench Courts are laid down in G.O. No. 57, Home, dated the 7th January 1954. If the hon. Member peruses it, he can know the reasons."

Assignment of poramboke lands to Harijans, Kalpattu village, South Arcot district.

* 295 *Q.*—SRI C. KANDASAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the Harijans of Kalpattu village of Villupuram taluk in the South Arcot district in the month of June 1954 concerning the assignment of poramboke lands and the payment of compensation for the crops raised on these lands and which were subsequently destroyed ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The Government examined the connected records and found that a reply had been sent to the petitioners already in June 1954 informing them that no intervention on their behalf was possible."

SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" ஸார், கல்பட்டு கிராமத்திலுள்ள ஹரிஜன விவசாயிகள் சாகுபடி செய்திருந்த பயிர்கள் அழிக்கப்பட்டிருந்தால் அவர்களுக்கு ஏற்பட்ட நஷ்டத்தை ஈடு கட்டுவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No, Sir. They cultivated in prohibited areas like the foreshore of tanks, thereby causing damage to the other ayacutdars' interests. But the Government have issued a new Order that in such cases, the crop or the plant should not be destroyed but should be allowed to be harvested by the cultivators in cases where cultivation in prohibited areas was carried out for the first time."

SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" இப்பொழுது அம்மாதிரி உத்தரவிட்டிருப்பது சரி. அபராதம் போட்டு வசூலிக்கலாமே தவிர பயிர்களை அழிப்பதற்கான நடவடிக்கை எடுத்தது சரியா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" That is why an Order has now been passed that, just as in the case of a first offender against law, the crop should not be destroyed but should be allowed to be harvested by the cultivators themselves with a severe warning against repetition of such offences. Of course, when it is repeated, drastic action will be taken."